IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Jane H. Morse and James A. Knowles

Serial No.: Not Yet Known (continuation-in-part of U.S.

Provisional Application No. 60/217,773, filed

July 12, 2000)

Filed : July 12, 2001

For : ROLE OF PPH1 GENE IN PULMONARY HYPERTENSION

1185 Avenue of the Americas New York, New York 10036

July 12, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

ATTN: Box Patent Applications

SIR:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 6, 9, 20, 50, 54, 58, and 61-63 without prejudice or disclaimer to applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a later-filed application.

Remarks:

Claims 1-39 are pending in the subject application. Applicants have hereinabove canceled claims 6, 9, 20, 50, 54, 58, and 61-63 without prejudice or disclaimer to their right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a later-filed application. This amendment does not involve any issue of new matter. Therefore, entry of this amendment is respectfully requested such that claims 1-5, 7-8, 10-19, 21-49, 51-53, 55-57 and 59-60 will be pending.

1/2/a C.g.y 1/66/11